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1. ON EVENING OF 4 JAN APPROX 2000 HRS 2 BOMBS EXPLODED AT CITY HALL. THE BOMBS WERE PLACED IN THE SEWER OUTSIDE CITY HALL AND CAUSED LITTLE ACTUAL DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING, OUTSIDE OF BROKEN WINDOWS. LOCAL SOURCES BELIEVE THE BOMB WAS AN EXPRESSION OF DISAPPROVAL OF TALKS BETWEEN PMG AND COMMITTEE OF 38.

2. A NAVAL SOURCE REPORTS THAT ONE ETHIOPIAN NAVY LTJG AND SIX SENIOR ENLISTED MEN HAVE DEFECTED TO THE ELF/PLF WITHIN LAST TWO WEEKS. REPORTEDLY THE ENLISTED MEN EACH TOOK AN UZZIE SUB-MACHINE GUN AND 600 ROUNDS OF AMMO. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT ETH NAVY ENLISTED MEN HAVE BEEN HARASSING ERITREAN CIVILIANS NEAR THEIR BASE IN ASMARA. THIS IS POSSIBLY A REACTION TO DEATH OF ONE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES ON 22 DEC. A NAVAL OFFICER AT THE ASMARA BASE ADMITTED THAT OFFICERS COULD BARELY CONTROL ENLISTED MEN.

3. AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE AT DOD/STONEHOUSE, WHO MADE AUTO TRIP TO
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GONDAR DURING WEEK OF 29 DEC, REPORTED BEING SEARCHED (CAR AND BODY)

AT SEVERAL TOWNS ENROUTE. SOURCE REPORTS SEARCHES WERE CONDUCTED BY SOLDIERS OR POLICE AT ADOWA, ADIGRAT AND MAKELLE IN TIGRE PROVINCE AND AT GONDAR IN BEGEMIDR. THERE WAS A HEAVY MILITARY PRESENCE IN GONDAR. SOURCE SIGHTED MILITARY AND CIVILIANS ALONG ROAD IN TIGRE AND BEGEMDIR CARRYING WEAPONS.

4. ANOTHER PARTY OF AMERICAN TRAVELING TO MASSAWA ON 3 JAN WERE STOPPED AND SEARCHED IN NEFASIT, WHICH IS APPROX 20 MILES FROM ASMARA. THE REPORTS INDICATE SEARCHES WERE CONDUCTED IN A POLITE MANNER.
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